

WorldSkillsUK Pre Competition Activity	
Duration	To be brought ready made
Theme	Modern Art Exhibition
Kind of work	A wired Handbag Corsage
Description	A wired handbag corsage for a guest at the opening of a modern art exhibition. The handbag corsage must be attached to a handbag of your choice.
Shape	Your choice
Size	Your choice
Technique	Wired no gluing. Must be presented and attached to a handbag of your choice.
Material	All material for this design to be supplied by candidate.
Preparation	N/A
Judging	At least two thirds of the finished design must be fresh flower/foilage and/or fresh plant material and be visually dominant. The judges will be looking for high standard of technique and design.
Judging Criteria	Judging criteria as used by the UK Floristry Judges Guild.

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Tips and hints.

- Flower material should be perfect with no blemishes or dead flowers or wilting leaves etc. Inspect everything for damage before using and ensure all flowers and foliage are conditioned well before use.
- Use durable flowers and foliage that will not wilt rapidly. i.e. Hydrangea and young foliage is not suitable as it wilts rapidly.
- Do not use dyed materials or anything that will damage the handbag.
- Wiring and taping should be meticulously neat using the finest wires possible to hold the stem and flower in place.
- All materials should radiate from one binding point and the binding point should not travel.
- Reducing and cutting out some of the wires below the binding point will give a less bulky stem.
- Avoid a bulky heavy binding point by only using a small amount of binding wire.
- There should be no exposed wires and the end of the stem must be sealed neatly with tape.
- The design should be light in weight and the fixing method should not affect opening the handbag.
- A little recessed material will hide the binding point in the corsage.
- Make sure there is a profile and that when viewed from above there is not wiring showing.
- The fixing method should be secure and discreet. Magnets are an unsuitable fixing method for handbag corsages as the corsage becomes detached from the handbag easily.
- The colour harmony should enhance the colouring of the handbag.